

The Democrat.

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Local and Personal News.

Willie Burgeson returned this week Tuesday from his trip to Oklahoma.

R. C. Barrett returned last Tuesday evening from a business trip to St. Louis.

Miss Sallie Elkins, of Ponder, is here this week, the guest of Miss Birdie Elkins, and other relatives.

Horace Morris and wife left Wednesday for New Doniphan where he has secured a position with the Doniphan Lumber Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Looper, who live in the north part of town, in a house belonging to Ben Owens, received a visit from the stork on the 4th instant.

Quite a change in the weather Wednesday, and instead of the usual daily rain, which has been prevalent for the last week or two, it turned to sleet and snow and changed to colder, enough to freeze stiffly.

Uncle Bill Stout, who was so badly injured last week by a tree falling on him while on his way home from town, and who is at Mr. Deyle's, on the hill beyond the river bridge, is getting along just as well as could possibly be expected of one injured as severely as he was.

Mayor Martin had the Nora Walker case up in his court again yesterday, a new jury being summoned. The girl was found guilty and fine of \$2.50 assessed against her. The attorneys were Prosecutor Fulbright for the city and Attorney Perkins for the defendant. The case was appealed to circuit court.

Earl Spell, the 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spell, in jumping off the fence a week ago last Saturday, Dec. 29, landed on his feet in such a way that his left leg was broken above the ankle joint, in what is known as Pott's fracture, to the medical fraternity. Dr. Hume was called and fixed up the leg, and Earl is getting along all right.

Next Sunday morning the theme of the sermon at the Methodist Church will be "Seekers after God—Pagan and Christian." "Conitron as a Doctrine of the Christian Religion," will be the theme of the evening sermon. The League and Sunday School will hold their usual services and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend all services.

The Farmers' Mutual Telephone Co. committee have been canvassing among the business men of this city this week for subscribers to their lines and met with good success as they will put in 40 or 50 phones of their system, nearly every business house in the city taking a phone. The committee consisted of Messrs. Maurice McCauley, Rev. Pleasant Whitwell, J. Frank Klenn and J. J. Seymore.

Last Sunday, being the first in the Year, was promotion day from the Junior to the Senior Epworth League and Prof. L. E. Proffler, president of the Seniors, welcomed the following class: Flora Moore, Mary Wright, Grace Miles, Ethel Young, Homer Miles, Burial Paul, DeWitt Paul, Pearl Henry, Clara Wright, Ora Livingsparger, Vivian Cude, Aubrey Jones, Garland Robinson and Fred Pulliam.

A young fellow named Kennard was given a jury trial in Mayor Martin's court last Tuesday, the charge against him being that of interfering with officers in the discharge of their duties. The case was appealed to the Circuit Court. Kennard has been playing spy on the special officers who have been set to ferret out the "blind tigers" and those engaged in the illegal sale of liquor, and warning the offenders of the whereabouts and actions of the officers.

Winter, although the season is well along, seems to be a long way off, from the nature of the weather that has prevailed in this section the past few weeks. It has been so warm and wet that the grass has begun to grow, buds to swell on the trees, birds of Spring time to fit among the trees and sing, storms with thunder and lightning accompaniment and even the shrill voiced frog has piped its lays from the swampy places. And all this in January when we ought to have severe cold weather.

Richard Carrieco, who is teaching school across the river in the Wilson, or Shirley district, loaded up his pipe for a quiet smoke before going to his school last Friday morning, which by the way, was the last day of his school in that district. In putting in the tobacco he got a 22-blank cartridge packed into the bowl without knowing it, and after he got the pipe going all right the thing exploded, the hull of the cartridge striking him in the left eye and made a severe, though not serious, wound. He dismissed his school and came to town and Dr. Hume dressed the wound, and while it is very painful, he is getting along all right. Richard has secured a clerkship under Senator Rly, our state senator, at Jefferson City, and had intended going there this week, but his wounded eye will necessitate a delay until it is so that he can use it.

Miss Ethel Kelly visited home folks at Currentview this week.

Rev. Ed Burton and wife left last Saturday for Essex, in Stoddard county, where he will preach.

Miss Mabel Zimmerman, of St. Louis, has accepted a position as stenographer at the Ripley County Bank.

Mrs. A. W. Groves, who has been here since the holidays, visiting relatives, returned to her home at Allen-ville, Cape county, last Saturday.

The Modern Woodmen and the Royal Neighbors Camps will have a joint installment of new officers on Thursday night, January 24, and they expect to have a royal time.

J. J. McKinney, formerly of Naylor, but who is now located in St. Louis, and is attending medical college there, was here this week attending to business matters. He expects to locate in that city when he completes his course and engage in the practice of his chosen profession.

Miss Lillie Ryan, a graduate of Draughon Business College, St. Louis branch, who has been visiting her mother, since the holidays, has accepted a position with her cousins, the Harrington Bros., and left last Monday, for Carterville, where the boys are now engaged in business, as well as at Willow Springs.

W. E. Freese and family are now residents of Ripley County, Mr. Freese having recently purchased the old Malone farm southwest of town, across the river, the purchase being made by a trade with Rev. E. O. Whitwell, for land in Oklahoma, near Oklahoma City. Mr. Freese had been here some days awaiting the arrival of his household goods, which came this week, and he is now domiciled at home.

An employe at Harmon's mill, Marshall Settles, who works on the log run, last Saturday morning, received a cut in the back of the head that required a trip to Dr. Proctor's office to have it dressed. Settles was hit by an axe, which slipped from the hands of a fellow workman, and the blade struck him at the base of the skull and made a cut about two inches long. The injury was not serious and he went to work again Monday.

Last Monday Circuit Clerk W. C. Mabrey and County Clerk W. H. Stone, qualified for their second terms, respectively. Each swore the other one in, as their bonds had already been filed and approved. Both have made excellent officers during the past four years, and there will be no smirch on the record of either official at the end of his second term, as both will discharge the duties of their offices with the same facility, capability and promptness in the future, as in the past four years.

J. H. Burns, from Gibson County, Indiana, on the banks of the Wabash, the past week closed a deal for the J. L. Clayton farm and the S. M. Jones farm adjoining it on the south, there being 180 acres in the deal. Mr. Burns will take possession as soon as he can get his things together at his old home and return here. Mr. Clayton intends visiting with relatives in the north part of the state and especially with his mother who is about 100 years old, before he decides upon a location and Mr. Jones has not decided yet just what he will do.

Hon. H. E. Ruff and wife were here the past week on their way to Little Rock, where he goes to attend the session of the Arkansas legislature, which convenes the coming week. Mr. Ruff is one of the leading candidates for speaker of the house of representatives and his many friends here hope he may be successful in the contest, so that the adjoining Counties—Ripley and Randolph—of the two states—Missouri and Arkansas—may have the honor of furnishing the speaker for the representative houses of the two State law making bodies.

Patrick Ferrall, an old Irish gentleman, who for some years lived in this city, and was at one time Street Commissioner, died at the residence of Dan Penny, in the flatwoods, east of town, this morning about 8 o'clock. The old gentleman had been ill for a week or two with dysentery and other infirmities of old age, he being 67 years old. He came here from Illinois about ten years ago with Emil Acreback, with whom he lived for some years before going to Mr. Penny's. He was a native of Ireland, and was a very nice old man and a hard worker. The funeral will be held tomorrow and the remains interred in the Catholic cemetery.

Quite a number of the members of the Royal Neighbors Camp of this city, went to Naylor last Friday evening to install the new officers of the Naylor Camp. The party included the members of the degree team of Doniphan Camp and consisted of Mesdames C. D. Fugate and Sam S. Hancock, who were the installing officers, E. E. Herff, John Anderson, Tom Poston, Jas. Merrill, J. W. Cotton, Lewis Hicks, A. J. Thomas, J. R. Wright, Fannie Randel, John Paul, R. L. Redwine, George Pond and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bennett. The party returned Saturday on the noon train and report having had a fine time, as the members of the Naylor Camp gave them handsome entertainment.

Clyde Page returned to Little Rock last Saturday after a few days visit with his parents and other relatives here.

Mrs. Fannie Randel, who had been here visiting her parents for some days, returned to her home at Pocahontas last Monday.

Tunie Vise, of the Republican, was on the sick list all last week and it was a scramble for his paper to get out with the chief man gone.

Rev. H. D. Maness left last Tuesday for a trip to the north part of the state, and will visit at his old home at Montgomery City while away.

S.H. Lawrence is having the interior of the Racket Store treated to a new coat of paper and paint, and the north side of the room will also be shelved.

J. H. Sandlin ran into a barbed wire fence, while on his way home last Saturday night, and tore a hole in his lip. It was not very bad but it is uncomfortable.

Tom Stewart returned to the Cape Normal last Saturday, after attending the funeral of his father and being assured that his brother Walter was on the road to recovery.

Harry Marlin, who has been helping with the work at the Ripley County Bank, left Monday for the Bluff where he has a nice position with the Wright-Dalton-Bell-Anchor store.

Postmaster Otis Gary went to Neeleyville yesterday to meet his wife on her return from attending the funeral of her father, and a visit to her folks at her old home in Mississippi.

Justice Bill Henderson will have his office in the little room adjoining the County Clerk's office and the County Court's room. He has his desk and chair there and is ready for all kinds of business.

Willard Nance was made chief deputy sheriff, by Sheriff John McCown, when he took charge of sheriff's office in Butler county, last week. Willard is a good man for the place and will make a good officer.

Winfield Bell left last Monday for Louisiana, where he has accepted a position. He closed his shop up here, during the dull season, but will return in the spring when business opens in his line again.

Attorney Tom Lane is at the Bluff this week attending court. He is an attorney assisting the prosecution in the case against Reed, who fired a shot at Judge Sheppard, during court in December last.

Mass for the non-English speaking people of the county will be held next Tuesday, 15th instant, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, at 9 o'clock, by a Polish priest, who will be here from St. Louis, for the purpose.

The stork made a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Lacey, last Wednesday morning and left a fine ten-pound lusty young Democrat with them. The young man is as handsome as his mother and as pleasant as his father, therefore, he is all right.

The Farmers' Mutual Telephone Co. made connection this week with some of their lines into the country through their exchange. The lines leading to Pine, Bartley, Bennett, and other points in the West and Northwest parts of the county were reached, and a line going south to the Towles school neighborhood. A number of the other county lines will be brought in just as soon as they can be, and it will not be long until Doniphan will be connected with every neighborhood in the county.

No Service Sunday.

Owing to the absence of the Pastor, Rev. H. D. Maness, there will be no services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

Sunday school at the usual hour.

The Dalton Case.

A dispatch from the Bluff under date of the 8th instant, in referring to the circuit court, which convened on Monday last, says of the case of the State against J. L. Dalton: In the Circuit Court of Butler County this morning before Judge Jesse Sheppard the case of the State of Missouri against James L. Dalton, charged with assault with intent to commit murder upon Ernest Bacon and A. G. Egbert, on September 14, 1906, was nolle prossed because of defective information.

New informations were immediately filed by Prosecuting Attorney Green, and Dalton was rearrested on two separate charges, one charging assault with intent to murder Ernest Bacon, and the other charging assault and felonious wounding of A. G. Egbert.

On September 14, last, Dalton became incensed at certain articles that appeared in the Butler County Democrat of that date and assumed that Ernest Bacon was the author. He met Bacon and Egbert on the street in a buggy as they were going home and, it is charged, fired upon them and seriously wounded Egbert in the back. It has been shown that neither Bacon nor Egbert had anything to do with the writing of the articles referred to, nor had Mr. Bacon any knowledge that such an article was to be published in the paper, of which he is part owner.

This case is of great interest to the people of Southeast Missouri, Dalton being Ex-Republican member of the Legislature and Bacon being the present member of the Democratic State Central Committee of this district. The outcome of this case is of vital interest to the people here because of the effect the result will have on the many shooting and murder cases in this county.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prepared by Supt. E. M. CARTER.

FIRST GRADE.

Nine new pupils in this grade this week.

The pupils of the morning session had their fourth half holiday Friday morning.

Parents wishing to start pupils who have never attended school before will please bear in mind that no beginners will be admitted after Jan. 14. All children who will be six before June 1, 1907, may enter now.

SECOND GRADE.

Our enrollment for this week is 37. Lillie Farmer enrolled with us Monday.

The boys have had four red entries this week notwithstanding the bad weather.

Class "A" have finished reading the Ward Reader. This makes the fifth book they have read this year.

Tardies are a thing of the past with us. Of course everyone enjoyed the half holiday Friday afternoon.

PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMENTS.

Three new pupils in the fourth grade, five in the third and nine in the first.

Everything started off nicely Monday morning. Prospects for the work of the new term are splendid.

A clean tardy record for the first week of the term. We are going to try hard to be prompt during the next four months.

Half holidays were quite common Friday. The fourth grade, second and one division of the first, enjoyed holidays then.

FIFTH GRADE.

The rainy weather caused us to lose red entries this week.

Excellent work has been done by all pupils for the past four months.

Grace Miles is again with us after being out of school most of the term.

Let us strive all the more for successful work the remainder of the term.

What a sea of bright happy faces greeted us Monday morning ready for work after a happy Christmas.

SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADES.

Mrs. Hudson was a pleasant visitor Friday.

Those fourth grade girls were also welcome.

Not many red letter entries on account of rain.

Frank Lingie and Millard Sifton are new pupils from Thebes, Ill.

After a short review we are going to find out some of the mysteries of percentage.

The Sixth Grade Grammar lesson is on page—Don't ask us we think we have forgotten.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Class spirit is fine.

"E" stands for earnest effort.

"F" stands for Christmas, etc.

Write for free high school Bulletin.

Most everybody works at our house.

The show or lessons, which shall it be?

"Yellow jackets" supply a long felt want in the Sophomore class.

Let's make the Commencement for 1907 the best in the history of Doniphan.

Mrs. Hudson, of the lower school, and Miss Eva Hall, of Kensett, visited the scenes of many of their former actions the past week.

In the absence of a Society the Juniors are taking up literary work among themselves. Their "Hour with Holmes" was a spicy program.

Indications are that a large number of the rural graduates for 1907 will enter the contest for the \$180 in scholarships offered by the Board of Education.

Junior class as organized Jan. 3rd, 1907; President, Chester Pearce; Vice President, Russell Elkins; Secretary, Tina Wright; Treasurer, Edith Borth.

The Sophomore class organization is as follows: President, Jean Nelson; Vice President, Clara Barrett; Secretary, Xetah Lawrence; Treasurer, Lodoskie Lackey.

Carter Proctor, of the class of 1906, visited the high school Wednesday. Carter is taking a course in Electrical Engineering at the University and is highly pleased with his work.

"Education," a western college president has said, "is like the measles. Having been to high school or college doesn't prove that you've caught it, but only that you've been exposed to it."

The Freshman class organized last Tuesday afternoon with the following result: President, Gerald Davis; Vice President, Mack Finch; Secretary, Fern Lawrence; Treasurer, Ellis Wright.

Some of the Seniors persist in affirming Hamlet's madness. The others are just as persistent in denying the same. So there you are—and Hamlet has gone to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

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GENERAL COMMENTS.

Let's make the last half of the year the best half.

The school report for December was a most excellent one.

Now is the time to enter the schools to prepare for teaching next year.

Mr. Carter desires to thank the teachers for their beautiful Xmas presents to him.

Unless we make the year 1907 the best year of our lives we have lived and labored in vain.

We want every pupil every day the

rest of the year. Pupils who do not attend regularly cannot do satisfactory work.

Prof. J. D. Elliff, high school examiner for the University of Missouri, was elected President of the State Teachers' Association at Moberly last week.

The teachers desire to express their appreciation to the students of the school for their expression of kindness and good will shown during the last four months.

All pupils who are six years or who will be six years old before the first of June may enter the class for beginners in the first grade. Pupils may enter this class any time between Jan. 1st and 13th.

"Here lies mine babe, as dead as mine, Whom Gott has killed mit ager life. He wouldn't let him live mit me so took him up to live mit He."

The child would have lived had he been given Dr. Mendell's Chili and Fever Cure. Sold by W. W. Johnston.